

DEAF HOOD: Hispanic Heritage Awareness

By Kevin Croasmun



Diana Padilla, Aurora Frias, and Anita Alcocer, who are all high school girls, went to Nicolette Obidos and Megan Rivadeneira's 4th grade class to teach their students about Mexican Sign Language (LSM).

The 4th graders really enjoyed learning several LSM signs from them. Here is what two of the three high school girls had to say about their experience with teaching:

"I discussed LSM with the 4th grade students. I taught several signs in LSM such as: school, girl, boy, pencil, etc. I noticed that most of the students enjoyed learning LSM, and they were so motivated to learn. The 4th graders felt that learning LSM made them look cool. I enjoyed teaching them because I was able to share my knowledge and cultural values (such as this language)." -Anita Alcocer, Junior



"I had so much fun teaching the kids how to learn LSM. My dream came true because I have always wanted to teach young children, and it came true! The kids enjoyed learning LSM." -Aurora Frias, freshman

During Latino (Hispanic) Heritage Month Awareness Day, Anita Alcocer and Aurora Frias, also participated in making an



LSM (Mexican Sign Language) and ASL (American Sign Language) film. They worked so hard to show

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Jr. NAD: My Experience as a Delegate and Pageant Contestant

By Brianna Keogh



Brianna Keogh thanks the audience after receiving 2nd runner-up award at the Jr. NAD Pageant.

As a former NLLC (National Leadership and Literacy Camp) camper and member of various councils in the past, I started off the beginning of my freshman year with a good start, by being selected as a delegate for the Jr. NAD conference

hosted at my school, California School of the Deaf (CSDR). Not only did the responsibilities of being a committee chairperson and delegate weigh heavily on my shoulders, but the pressures of being a pageant contestant were added to my list of things to balance out in only a few weeks. However, I was confident through my healthy self-esteem and the support of others that I would be able to accomplish these responsibilities and work out everything by the time it was to be at the conference. I went on to obtain my ambitions until the very end. I was sure to get all of my materials ready for the pageant, such as my attire and dress as well as my enthusiasm; while I worked with my other Jr. NAD peers to prepare for the conference, and practice the Parliamentary procedure with them in our weekly meetings. I was already familiar with the procedures through my experience with SBG and NLLC, but I wanted to further my knowledge as to be able to know how to participate fully. I admit that it was very stressful and very worrisome, but I handled it well as my peers and classmates were there for me the whole time, keeping my head up and mind running. I can only say now that the pageant went by very well, and I am proud of my work, and I am very pleased with the results of the General Assembly meeting with the other delegates and observers.

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~DECEMBER FACTS~

- Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was born on December 10, 1787
- Laurent Clerc was born on December 26, 1785
- The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 21, 1620.
- Until 46 B.C., December only had 29 days.



Student Athlete of the Month: November

By David Hamilton

CSDR Athletics is proud to announce Angel Cloud as the recipient for Student Athlete of the Month for October. Angel is the reason why our CSDR Boys Football Team is having its best start since 2005 with 5 wins and 3 losses. Angel leads the team with most points, touchdowns, and yardage.

"Angel Cloud deserves to be selected as student-athlete of the month for October because he has been consistent with his performances on and off field," said coach Rantz Teeters. He works hard during practices and games, and he always wants the best out of himself. He is always eager to watch films of other teams so he can be prepared for the next game. He was asked to change his position several times and always accepted whatever the coaches asked him to do. Besides football, he is very much involved with extracurricular activities. He sets himself as an example for six pillars of Character Counts. He takes pride in his excellence both academically and athletically. Please join me in congratulating Angel Cloud!

Spike Out at Indiana

By Brianna Keogh



The crowd held its breath in suspense as the volleyball floated in the air, girls set in position, ready to hit the ball back to the other side of the net. As points were made, the crowd screamed in an uproar, an array of hands waving, excitement rose over the gymnasium. Where did this happen? The sixth annual Spike Out volleyball tournament held for deaf high schools took place this year at the Indiana

School for the Deaf in Indianapolis. Twelve different deaf schools' volleyball varsity teams traveled to Indiana to compete against each other, and the competition lasted 2 days. Some teams arrived earlier to prepare and get used to the new environment, such as our own CSDR team! Ten varsity players, one manager, two coaches, and one staff went on the Red-Eye out of the LAX airport at midnight, ready and set to play their hearts out on the court! They arrived on Friday morning, settled down at the dorms, and napped for a few hours before practicing that night to prepare for the next day. The following Saturday, first thing in the morning, CSDR faced Maryland, and it was a very hot game. We unfortunately lost. After that, our CSDR players played hard all day, without ever giving up. At the end, our varsity team faced Minnesota School for the Deaf who we had beaten before, but lost to them due to exhaustion, placing us in sixth place out of twelve schools. The CSDR record was four losses and four wins. Let's give big congratulations to our CSDR volleyball team for their constant passion and hard work in the tournament and for this season!

Homecoming King and Queen

By Diamond Thompson



As the chairperson for Homecoming, I planned the Homecoming dance, parade, pageants, and Cub song. This was my first time, and it was a good experience for me. I am happy to announce Mark Garcia and Emily Forsberg as the Homecoming King and Queen of 2011-2012. They are motivated and worked hard in school. High school students voted them as Homecoming King and Queen. Congratulations, Mark and Emily!

POINT SYSTEM FINAL :

	T	N	J	T	Y	CS	PR	T
SENIOR	1	2	4	3	4	4	2.3	20.3
JUNIOR	4	3	2	4	3	3	3.3	20.3
SOPHOMORE	2	4	1	2	2	1	3.6	11.6
FRESHMAN	2	1	3	1	1	2	1.7	14.7

Varsity Boys Basketball

Leo Torres
Thomas York
Raul Alcocer
Joshua Macedo
Angel Cloud
Angel Aragon
Kelvin Nhan
Omar Alzen
Eddie Schoonover
Ramiro Bustamante

Varsity Girls Basketball

Miranda Murphy
Emily Forsberg
Alana Smith
Alexandra Muller
Diamond Thompson
Paradise Larizza
Julie Love
Cherise Cornell
Vianey Bernal
Bridget Berrigan
Jade Folwer

Wrestling Team

Clemente Tellez
Carl Rivera
Jules Lange
Carlos Macias
Giovanni Sanchez
Andrew Quionez
Charley Umana
Deshaun Jones
Ryan Price
Christopher Thomas
Hiroshi Nakama
Juan Flores
Oscar Gomez
Erick Granados





Lawrence Newman Memorial and Ceremony

By Jeremy Warshaw



On November 12, our school hosted a dedication and memorial service for Dr. Lawrence Newman who passed away on the 4th of July. He was a dedicated teacher and administrator at CSDR dating back to 1953. All of his friends and family members attended the service where they sat and went back in time remembering all of the great things Dr. Newman had contributed in his life to CSDR and many other organizations. CSDR revealed that they will name a conference room in his honor and place a bench near the Social Hall with a 3-D picture of his face on it. What a great way to remember the legacy that Dr. Newman left us!

Campus Store Ribbon Cutting

By Alexa Ontiveros



Where at CSDR can we find sweatshirts, jerseys, shirts, beanies, bags, pins, and pencils? Oh YES! The Lair!

The campus store finally opened after many months of renovations in the room next to the Bummy Student Center. Superintendent Mal Grossinger, ASBG President Emily Forsberg, and I as the ASBG Treasurer cut the red ribbon together to usher the opening of the campus store known as "The Lair" on 11/11/11 at 11:11 a.m. in front of hundreds of onlookers. As a student and treasurer of the ASBG, I am thrilled with the idea of having a campus store at CSDR where students, staff, and alumni can go and buy CSDR products to show our Cubs Pride. All of the products purchased at The Lair will help raise funds for different organizations on campus. Come and see what The Lair has to offer. You won't be disappointed.

Sadie Hawkins Party a Huge Success!

By Bridget Berrigan



The freshman class of 2015 recently hosted the popular annual event, "Sadie Hawkins" on the evening of November 7th. According to many students, it was one of the best Sadie Hawkins party hosted ever! There was loud music, colorful balloons, awesome scarecrows, a giant disco ball, food, and most of all, lots and lots of hay! We started off the night with the traditional chase of the girls after the boys. First, the boys were allowed to hide in the large open field in front of the Social Hall, and then a few minutes later, the excited girls were released to run after the boys! After everyone had a date, we all got "married" by our beloved priest, who is also our TA, Greg Vollmar. Each couple had a picture taken by our photographer, Steven Gonzales, where we stood under a trellis atop a patch of hay, along with many beautiful decorations made by Teresa Sentelle. After the wedding ceremonies, we ate and drank some scrumptious snacks and beverages, played many entertaining games, and had a blast. After the party was over, everyone was sad to leave, however it was definitely a night to remember!



The party wouldn't have been as successful without the student decorating committee, the freshman class sponsors, and especially the students of the class of 2015! A special thanks to all of the people who worked hard to make this event happen. With 45 plus students in attendance, we earned \$900 dollars at the door, making a profit, after all expenses, of \$780. The Class of 2015 is the first of all previous classes that hosted the Sadie Hawkins party that had the highest profits in history!

(Continued from page 1) This recent Jr. NAD conference was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and I am so grateful to have been involved in it. It shows how much we, as young adults, can handle the pressure even when due to our age we may appear that we are inept, but we are in fact actually very capable of many things, such as my situation. I'm sending this message to you other teenagers: don't give up. Work hard, and you shall accomplish what you yearn despite its hardships. Therefore you shall have a wonderful and fulfilling life with many wonderful memories to store.

(continued from page 1) their Deaf Latino pride by making this special and wonderful film. The film, that they made, contained four different conversation situations (School, Visiting my House, Dinner Plans, and Future Career) in both LSM and ASL. We showed the film during a school-wide assembly on September 30, 2011. All students and faculty enjoyed the film that Anita and Aurora made.

The Social Studies Department and 4th grade teachers, would like to recognize Diana, Aurora, and Anita for their willingness and time to share their knowledge with the 4th graders. The students really appreciated your participation. Kudos to Diana, Anita, and Aurora!

A Day Trip To Linfield

By Emily Forsberg

We as deaf people know that many hearing people are eager to learn sign language and meet deaf people. Four students from CSDR were selected to go to Linfield High School. Jason O'Neill who is the creator of Pencil Bugs invited us to go to Linfield and his ASL class. He came to CSDR last year to talk about his successful business to high school students. When we got there, they were so excited to see us and asked us a whole bunch of questions like, "What is it like to be deaf?" After that, they gave us a very nice tour of the campus. We were surprised and pleased when they capped off our visit with an ASL song. The visit was a fun experience. We extended our invitation to them to the upcoming event at CSDR, Deaf Deaf World where hearing high school students who are learning ASL come for a social experience.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Felix Kowalewski**, former CSDR Art teacher, had a one man art show at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C.
- **Lawrence Newman**, former CSDR teacher and DOI, was selected as the California Teacher of the Year in 1968. No other deaf teacher has won the award.
- **Yoon Lee**, current CSDR TV & Film teacher, had a prominent role as a photographer during the Gallaudet DPN movement in 1988 where he claimed international fame.

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The Hammer

By Calyssa Yezpe



The director of the newly released movie, "The Hammer" visited CSDR to discuss his movie. Eben Kostbar, who is hearing and knows a little bit of sign language, answered questions from high school students. One of the questions that were asked was, "What made you want to make this film?" He replied that he watched an UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) contest on TV in which Matt Hamill was competing, and he was shocked to learn that a deaf man could participate in the UFC. Hamill, who is deaf and the subject of Kostbar's film "The Hammer", was so successful in the UFC that it prompted Kostbar to write a movie about him. He learned more about Deaf culture which inspired him even more. A high percent of hearing people are unaware of Deaf culture and think that they are not as successful as hearing people. Kostbar wanted to show that deaf people are successful.

According to reviews, the movie is very good. Many deaf people look up to Matt Hamill because he tried to work his way through life the hard way, and it has made him successful today. Because of this, many deaf people want to be successful just like him. The movie shows the public that deaf people can do it! "The Hammer" will be shown at CSDR on Saturday January 7 in the Social Hall. Tickets are NOW on sale for \$10 if pre-paid through the CSDR Front Desk or online at <http://csdr.bigcartel.com>. Children and senior citizens are \$7. Admission at the door is \$12. Part of net proceeds go to CSDR Outreach. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will also be sold.

Nathan Pereira: CSDR H.S. Language Arts intern

As told to Niel Thompson



Nathan Pereira was born Deaf and was fortunate enough to have a wonderful mother who supported his sign language and reading. He grew up all over California, but mostly lived in Sacramento.

Nate, as most people call him, attended a mainstream program at a high school in Sacramento named Del Campo High School. The program had about fifteen other deaf students. He attended Gallaudet University and California State University, Northridge. Nate received his B.A. degree in History from CSUN where he is currently working on a credential in Deaf Education.

Asking him about his favorite books is an impossible question! He loves far too many books. Some of his favorites include any Mitch Albom books like "Five People You Meet in Heaven" or "Tuesdays with Morrie." He also loves gritty medieval fantasy such as George R.R. Martin's "Song of Ice and Fire" saga (now made into a HBO television program, "Game of Thrones") and Joe Abercrombie's "The First Law" trilogy.

He is also a HUGE movie aficionado. He owns thousands and thousands of DVDs, ranging from classics like "Gone with the Wind" to odd independents such as "Man Bites Dog" to any 1980's horror movie or 1980's-90's action movie.

Playing video games is another activity he enjoys. He also owns three eccentric cats and loves them even though they appear to plot his demise every night.